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SUBJECT: CAR AMBASSADORS REAPPRAISE SOUTHEAST ASIA POLICY

1. MUCH POSTPONED CAR CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE OPENED MAY 21 WITH ADDRESS BY CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA BERATING AMBASSADORS FOR THE QUOTE DEPLORABLE UNQUOTE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF CAR EMBASSIES AND ABUSES OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING PERSONAL EXPENSES AND PRIVILEGES.

2. FONMIN POTOLOT HAS NOW INDICATED THAT ONE SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED IN COURSE OF CONFERENCE IS REAPPRAISAL OF CAR POLICY IN ASIA IN THE WAKE OF RECENT EVENTS THERE. THIS EXPECTED INCLUDE POSSIBILITY RECOGNITION AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION RE PRC AND NORTH KOREA. QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON MAY ALSO COME UP. LOCALNCHINESE AND KOREAN AMBASSADORS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE RESULTS SUCH REAPPRAISAL.

3. COMMENT: IN THIS CONNECTION I HAD TRANSMITTED A LETTER ON MAY 10, 1975, TO FOREIGN MINISTER POTOLOT FEATURING QUOTES FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF MAY 6 IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE TO HIM OUR INTENTIONS TO MEET OUR COMMITMENTS TO SOUTH KOREA AND NATIONALIST CHINA. I SENT SIMILAR LETTERS TO AMBASSADORS CONCERNED. USG POSITION HOWEVER IS NOT LIKELY TO BE MAJOR
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